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Women's Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Members of the Citrus Heights Women's Club, the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce and city officials pose for a 50-year anniversary photo.

Story and photos by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Citrus Heights Women's Club (CHWC) members celebrated the club's 50th anniversary on Nov. 17 at the Sylvan Community Center with a special commemorative ribbon and cake cutting ceremony that was co-hosted by the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce.

Citrus Heights Women's Club President Elise Spleiss welcomed fellow members, city leaders and representatives from state assembly Sacramento County and Congressman Ami Bera's office, who



Celebrating are Citrus Heights Women's Club Past President Carol Spiker, Citrus Heights Mayor Jayna Karpinski-Costa and Citrus Heights Women's Club President Elise Spleiss.

each presented certificates of recognition to the club.

The nonprofit club is a member of the General Federation of Women's

Clubs, one of the oldest and largest women's volunteer organizations, empowering women to serve their local community with a spirit of

compassion and giving.

The club partners with many Citrus Heights community service organizations, and has participated in the city's annual "Sunday Fun Day" event, supported and raised funds for the Domestic Violence Intervention Center, and supported the Mercy San Juan Hospital Oncology Program with gift bags for chemotherapy program patients. The Citrus Heights Women's Club has also hosted the annual Veterans Picnic for veterans and their families, which will resume next year.

Spleiss also recognized
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County's 2024 Crop and Livestock Report Released

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The gross production value of all agricultural commodities in Sacramento County was more than \$536 million, county Agricultural Commissioner Chris Flores reported during her presentation of the 2024 Sacramento County Crop and Livestock Report at the Nov. 18 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Wine grapes were once again the leading cash crop in Sacramento County, with a value of more than \$167 million, or more than 31% of the total gross value of all crops.

Market Milk snuck in to the number two spot with a total value of more than \$51 million, passing up pears, which came in at number three with a total value of more than \$46 million.

"Agriculture continues to be a cornerstone of our local economy and plays a major role in preserving the county's rural character," Flores said. "Our diverse agricultural landscape includes small farms, ranches, row crops, orchards and vineyards that produce everything from rice and tomatoes to pears and grapes, as well as strong dairy, livestock and aquaculture operations."

Wine grapes remained the county's leading agricultural commodity in 2024, with a value of \$167,905,000.

Market milk followed as the second top agricultural commodity at \$51,213,000.

Pears ranked third at \$49,559,000.

Poultry, as the fourth top agricultural commodity in 2024, generated \$32,511,000.

Aquaculture, as the fifth top agricultural commodity in 2024, accounted for \$29,091,000. Aquaculture includes bass, carp, catfish, crayfish, sturgeon and caviar.

Nursery stock, such as ornamental trees, plants, Christmas trees and sod, totaled \$28,452,000 and is the sixth top commodity in 2024.

Cattle and calves were valued at \$22,419,000 as the seventh top commodity in 2024.

Rice reached \$15,627,000 and is the eighth top commodity in 2024.

Almonds brought in \$14,806,000 as the ninth top commodity.

Cherries at \$13,059,000 was the 10th top commodity.

The 2024 report includes information regarding the Agriculture Department's Pest Detection and Pest Exclusion Programs, the Phytosanitary Program, (The report, online at agcomm.sac-county.gov/Pages/CropandLivestockReports.aspx, also contains a simple and elegant 2026 calendar. ★

Wild and Fly Fitness Celebrates Anniversary Studio Collects Holiday Donations



Citrus Heights city officials celebrated the grand opening of Wild and Fly Fitness Bungee Studio in Citrus Heights last November. Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

By Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Wendy Fuentes, owner of Wild and Fly Fitness, a bungee fitness studio at 8215 Auburn Blvd. in Suites B, C and D in Citrus Heights, celebrates its

one-year anniversary this month and is ready to bounce into the upcoming holiday season.

In general, it has been a successful year for Wild and Fly Fitness, as first-time customers discovered the fun of bungee fitness while

navigating ongoing road construction along Auburn Boulevard as work on the city's Auburn Boulevard Phase 2 project reached its halfway point of completion.

Wild and Fly Fitness Bungee
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A Push of a Button, A Gift of Hope

By Omella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With holiday shoppers looking on, community leaders and non-profit representatives gathered Nov. 21 at the Westfield Galleria at Roseville to cut the ribbon on the annual Light the World Giving Machines, vending-style kiosks that allow visitors to purchase symbolic gifts for people in need.

Installed Nov. 17 and available through Dec. 8, the machines offer items such as hygiene kits, meals, school supplies and even baby goats, with 100% of every purchase going to designated charities. Each nonprofit participates for one year only, rotating annually.

"It's my pleasure to host this again," said Jeff Richardson, senior general manager of the Galleria. "Our community keeps growing, our center keeps growing and we are significantly up in traffic this year, and I think the Giving Machine has something to do with that."

Shoppers choose gifts by tapping a touchscreen and paying by card or mobile wallet. A card representing the selected item drops into the display box, symbolizing the purchase.

Santa J. Claus made a festive entrance, handing out baby-goat plush toys to children who gathered near the machines.

"Isn't it just wonderful when we can listen to our heart and that little voice that says we should think of others in need?" Claus said. "The secret to being on the nice list is kindness. Choosing kindness toward others and toward ourselves."

Five local nonprofits are featured in this year's Roseville machines, along with two global organizations.

Jake's Journey Home focuses on veterans and community members facing homelessness. Founder Jeanne Shuman said the organization was established in



Santa J. Claus made a festive entrance, handing out baby-goat plush toys to children who gathered near the machines. Photo by Omella Rossi

2019 after the death of her son, Jake, a Seabee veteran.

"We're finding a way to honor and remember his legacy," Shuman said. "This initiative collaborates with a lot of nonprofits, which is amazing, but it also allows us to keep doing our mission. We are small, we are mighty and we are all volunteers."

Stand Up Placer, which supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, is offering donors the chance to fund therapy sessions, children's crisis support and emergency food.

"Our partnership with the church and their community is a blessing," said executive director Gary McDonnell.

Sunrise Christian Food Ministry, serving families throughout Sacramento County, gives shoppers the option to purchase meals, hygiene kits and student food packs.

"We are so blessed to be a part of this amazing experience," said President April Jacek.

Volunteer Allia Adams made the season's first purchase, a pantry pack, hygiene kit and pajamas. "It's exciting," Adams said.



Attendees at the ribbon-cutting browse the donation cards, each representing a gift they can give through the Giving Machines. Photo by Omella Rossi

"It doesn't take a lot of effort to shine a light on what people can do."

The Salvation Army's offerings include summer camp, Christmas dinner and job training.

Major Osei Stewart said the partnership is "an opportunity to bring light into the darkness" and "serve those who need it the most."

Sacramento Children's Home, serving children and families for nearly 160 years, offers donors the chance to purchase baby food,

pajamas or parenting classes. CEO David Becker said their mission aligns with the event's spirit.

"A community of people coming together and saying, 'we are going to make a difference,'" Becker said. "We are going to be a light in the world."

Global nonprofits United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Mentors International provide international gift options such as school kits, malnutrition treatment

and supplies for small family businesses.

"These gifts remind us that generosity here can ripple outwards across the globe," said "Thank you for helping lift lives not only in our local communities and neighborhoods but also in communities far beyond our own."

Retired Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinness, who served as emcee, highlighted the program's impact and efficiency.

"Everything that is given to the Giving Machine goes to the intended recipient," McGinness said Nancy Pinney, a Giving Machine committee member. "Some of the things that are requested, most of us view as the most basic essentials."

Local officials echoed the spirit of unity.

"We are very proud of our mall," said Roseville Vice Mayor Karen Alvord. "It gives us an opportunity to focus on the true meaning of the season, to give hope, care and comfort."

Karen Wilkes, a Giving Machine committee member, noted that the program has grown from 26 locations to 126 worldwide in four years.

"It's such a blessing to us and to the people who will receive donations," Wilkes said.

Wilkes also noted one "secret feature" of the giving machines.

"If you punch in 777, it will purchase every single gift. Thirty cards will drop, and it comes to about \$1,800. So come out, bring your friends, coworkers and families," Wilkes said.

The Light the World initiative, sponsored globally by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, encourages giving during the holiday season. This is the fourth year the Roseville Galleria has hosted the machines.

"They connect our community," McGinness said, "not only to our neighbors here in the Sacramento area but also to families around the world." ★

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Women's Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

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her good friend, club member and two-time past President Carol Spiker, who recruited her while working as an election volunteer at a polling place many years ago.

Spiker continues to be active in leadership positions with the General Foundation of Women's Clubs that supports affiliated women's clubs in the nearby communities of Fair Oaks and Carmichael.

Photo collage posters, many created by Spiker and placed on tables surrounding the community room, described the participation and leadership of club members supporting multiple civic and community projects and activities throughout the past 50 years.

Additional poster displays flanked the podium where Spleiss introduced Citrus Heights Mayor Dr. Jayna Karpinski-Costa, who presented a certificate of recognition to her on the city's behalf, and Vice Mayor MariJane Lopez-Taff, who reflected on what belonging to the Citrus Heights Women's Club personally means.

Spleiss is a 20-year member of the Citrus Heights Women's Club, currently serving her second term as club president.

Outside of her current role with the Citrus Heights Women's Club, Spleiss is a freelance feature writer for the Citrus Heights Messenger.

"I also enjoy working with others and doing a variety of projects for both individuals and (civic) organizations. My continued service in the Citrus Heights Women's Club and the



Citrus Heights Vice Mayor MariJane Lopez-Taff proudly holds her membership card.

Messenger has kept me active (in the community), and this helps me to both learn and grow as a leader in so many meaningful ways," Spleiss said.

Citrus Heights Vice Mayor MariJane Lopez-Taff proudly wore the Citrus Heights Women's Club membership pin.

"I'm often asked what it means to be the vice mayor of Citrus Heights and I get to answer that question while celebrating another role that gives me deep pride: being a member of the Citrus Heights Women's Club," said Lopez Taff in remarks to club members and guests. "This organization has played a role in the life of Citrus Heights that few others can claim. Many of you were here, serving the community, long before we even became a city in 1997. You were the pioneers who laid the groundwork for the civic pride we enjoy today."

"Fifty years is a monumental achievement but it's just the foundation for the next chapter. Let us embrace new members, new ideas and new ways to serve the needs of our rapidly evolving city. Let us continue to mentor the next generation of leaders, the young women who will one day stand here to celebrate the 100th anniversary," Lopez-Taff said. "In 1975, a group of forward-thinking women came together with a vision. As part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service, they didn't just want to socialize; they wanted to serve. They looked at the fledgling community of Citrus Heights and decided they wouldn't wait for change; they would be the change." Those women in 1975 set



Colorful posters and photo collage displays were present around the community center, acknowledging the Citrus Heights Women's Club's 50th anniversary.

the foundation for everything the club does today, according to the vice mayor, which includes "working at community events, creating projects that lift up our seniors to goodie bags that help brighten the day of a cancer patient going through treatments," Lopez-Taff said.

Citrus Heights Women's Club volunteers "work to keep the heart of the community beating strong," Lopez-Taff added.

Club member Lana Crum read a statement on behalf of membership chair and Immediate Past President Jeanmarie Willbee, who could not attend.

Willbee is the chief liaison between the club and the city of Citrus Heights and, as a volunteer, staffs the city's information desk in City Hall.

Citrus Heights Mayor Karpinski-Costa presented a certificate of recognition from the city in celebration of the club's

anniversary.

"The Citrus Heights Women's Club has proudly served our community for 50 years, bringing together women dedicated to friendship, leadership and service. The club advocates for education, the arts and the environment, and creates opportunities for women to make a positive impact through civic engagement," Karpinski-Costa said. "We applaud its long-standing investment in our community, fostering connection, empowerment and service for generations of residents."

For more information about the Citrus Heights Women's Club, visit online chwomenclub.com or call 916-751-1918.

The Citrus Heights Women's Club is comprised of women of all ages and meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Sylvan Community Center on 7521 Community Drive. ★

Wild and Fly Fitness Celebrates Anniversary

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Studio hosts scheduled yoga classes, while the adjacent studio is configured and rigged for bungee fitness.

Fuentes recently stepped forward to help lead a new Citrus Heights Business Corridor Coalition to support and energize one of the city's key commercial areas.

The coalition is the successor to the former Auburn Boulevard Business Association (ABBA), relaunching under new leadership with a focus on collaboration, advocacy and innovation among local businesses, according to Fuentes.

The public is also invited to participate and support two ongoing community events being held at Wild and Fly Fitness through Dec. 19, which includes a new coat donation and a new toy drive at the facility to help spread holiday cheer, Fuentes added.

Fuentes is also organizing and seeking volunteers to host and help with a free upcoming Posada-themed event and Santa's Workshop from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Wild and Fly studio. The event is jointly sponsored by Wild and Fly Fitness and the Bizlink Alliance, a local business networking group.

The nine-day La Posadas festival held from Dec. 16 to Dec. 24 is traditionally celebrated in Mexico, Latin America and by Hispanic communities in the U.S. ahead of Christmas. The festival commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to baby Jesus.

"The toys and coats collected will be distributed at the Posada and Santa's Workshop Community Event where we hope to see some 200 participants or more," Fuentes said. "Suggested children's gifts are for ages 5 months to 14 years of age. And donated coats are for all."

Fuentes also leads a nonprofit organization, Wild and Fly ACE (Arts Culture and Entertainment), which helps raise funds and resources for families who can't afford fitness programs.



Wild and fly - class - 3 - close up Residents enjoy bungee fitness workouts that are typically low-impact, full-body cardio. Photo courtesy of Wild and Fly Fitness

"Anyone who brings in a new coat to donate will be entered into a raffle for a free month of bungee classes," Fuentes said. "We're inviting everyone to enjoy a magical evening at Wild and Fly Fitness, the joy of the posada and to stop at Santa's Workshop."

The public is also encouraged to pre-register for the free community event. Children will make their own ornament, meet Santa and receive a special gift, according to Fuentes.

The Wild and Fly Fitness grand opening last November was a year in the making. The site required structural engineering evaluation of the two studio spaces and construction of a steel supporting cage in the ceiling to support the collective weight of 15 bungee workout participants at any given time, according to Fuentes.

"I'm delighted that so many have discovered our studio and tried a bungee workout for the first time," she said.

Bungee fitness workouts are typically low-impact, full-body cardio, Fuentes said, that use heavy-duty bungee cords

to perform classic bodyweight exercises, actively engaging multiple muscle groups simultaneously, providing a full-body toning experience.

And in doing so, many who have done a bungee workout can attest that flying can be plenty of fun.

Indirectly, Fuentes hopes business owners along Auburn Boulevard who join the new coalition as construction of Auburn Boulevard Phase 2 improvements are completed next summer, will see their businesses "bouncing back" as well.

The coalition's first town hall meeting is expected to be in January, with a specific date not yet announced. Meetings will be hosted at the Wild and Fly Fitness Studio.

She discussed the new idea with city officials at the beginning of the year, Fuentes said, and is working closely with the Economic Development Department and the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce to build a stronger business community and attract more customers to the Auburn Boulevard area.

"The mission is to unite and empower businesses along Auburn Boulevard and to work to improve the vitality of businesses in the area," Fuentes said. "The general vision centers on creating a vibrant boulevard filled with energy, opportunity and community pride."

The group is also forming its founding board of directors and is seeking volunteers and business owners who want to contribute to local revitalization efforts along the boulevard.

As part of its early efforts, the new coalition is planning several community-focused activities, including a corridor-wide "We Are Open" campaign, community market days and art walks, business spotlights and networking mixers, as well as seasonal celebrations and holiday-themed events that showcase partnership and community spirit.

For more information about the Wild and Fly Fitness Bungee Studio, call 916-770-1039, email WildandFlyFitness@gmail.com or visit www.wildandflyfitness.com. ★

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Saving a Divided Democracy, One Club Membership at a Time

Choosing Connection Over Convenience and How

By Patsy McGavock JustServe.org

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Last time, I asked: How do we save a divided democracy? Robert Putnam says it doesn't start in Washington. It starts in thousands of small ways when we, the people, make a single, nonnegotiable choice: to be together. In person. Meaningfully. Regularly. Talking about what matters.

Putnam's research, featured in Pete Davis' documentary "Join or Die," establishes one essential truth: successful democracies, stable, effective, trusted; depend on dense networks of civic and social connection.

He found, for 80 years we increasingly go it alone, losing shared rhythm of doing things together. Now we feel deep divide. Much like the early 20th century, the Gilded Age, when industrialization brought extreme wealth gaps, political gridlock, feeling that America teetered on democratic collapse. But we didn't continue that path.

"The Upswing," by Putnam and Shaylyn Romney Garrett, shows how America came together then and how we can again. Out of division came association, civic invention: Rotary Clubs and neighborhood groups, suffrage organizations, labor unions, countless cultural and faith-based circles. Some marched; others taught, served, read or shared meals.

But the result was the same. Connection. Community. Power, not over each other, but with each other.

They didn't wait for permission. They built what was missing.

"To tackle today's challenges, we need millions of Americans to become joiners," said Davis.

Even if it's inconvenient or at first uncomfortable.

The People, A Democracy Metaphor

In construction, joiners are people who fit wooden pieces together naturally, without fasteners. Carpenters use force: nails and glue. If democracy were a house, government might be the carpenter with tools, policies and funding. But we, the people, are the joiners. We connect pieces naturally, creating structures that last. Not because they're forced but because they're trusted. Human connections are warm and accountable.

Even the best-designed political system can't succeed without joiners building strong civil society on democratic habits. None of it works if we're not participating. Voting is part, yes, but habits such as walks, talks, organizing and shared efforts, are where we learn, teach and live democracy.

More personally, joining a club is good for you and America.

Research consistently links high social participation to healthy habits, breaking unhealthy ones, stronger mental health and relationships, greater trust, happiness, better jobs, economic mobility and stability. Whole communities report greater health when connected.

It's a different way of being, a healthier, community-minded way, we must re-learn, lean into and choose again and again, until it no longer feels inconvenient, until it feels like home.

I agree with Putnam and Davis. This isn't just nice; it's vital. To democracy. To our health. And to healing a polarized, increasingly violent nation.

How Do We Begin?

With one non-negotiable choice: connect in groups, in person, regularly.

Behavioral economist James Clear reminds us, "You don't rise to the level of your goals; you fall to the level of your systems."

Let's sketch a system. (*Items will be explored fully in future issues.)

DO WHAT YOU LOVE — with others — regularly

"Local, interest-based communities are where trust and civic momentum take root," writes Garrett. When you connect what you love to people, community becomes sustainable.

***BRING OTHERS; DON'T LEAVE OTHERS**

Invite across lines of difference: age, belief, background.

Diverse groups make better decisions 87% of the time and take more sustainable action, stated the Harvard Business Review. "Thoughtful invitations shape who belongs, and belonging is the gateway to connection," says Priya Parker.

PUT DOWN DISTRACTIONS; BE PRESENT

Digital connection is efficient; human connection, transformative.

***GO EVEN IF YOU'RE TIRED**

In-person time boosts mental and physical health, especially on hard days.

Let your group sustain you. You may increase your survival rate by 50%, says Holt-Lunstad.

CONSISTENT GATHERING PLACE

A park. A porch. A library room.

"Attachment to place" is a top predictor of civic engagement and satisfaction, according to the Knight Foundation. Familiarity builds comfort. Comfort builds commitment.

CONSISTENT DATE

Monthly is magic. Weekly is wonderful. Consistency builds culture.

A set date makes showing up a habit. Regular gatherings increase participation by 40%, shows Meetup.com's analytics.

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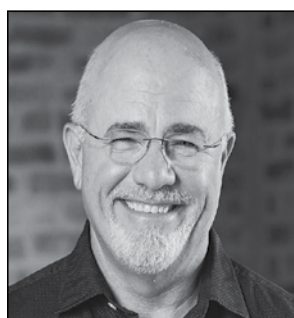
Invite them with hope. Invite them to lead.

Let's get started.

I'm launching a Return and Report Community Connection Club. You're invited. Ponder this: What do you love to do and how can you connect with 10 others to do it, together, regularly? Write back. I'll share what we're building.

One club. One gathering. One movement at a time.

Connect with Patsy McGavock at PatsyMcGavock.JustServe@gmail.com. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says All of Your Brain Means Both of You

Dear Dave,

My husband and I live in India. I'm from the States, and he was born here. When it comes to our finances, I manage our American investments, and he manages our Indian investments. Every month, we sit down with spreadsheets and go over our finances. I trust him completely, but I'd like to better understand our investments here and how they work. Should I just defer to his judgment, or should I learn to understand things a little better?

— Anna

Dear Anna,

I always tell folks to make sure they completely understand their investments and how they work. So, there's absolutely nothing wrong with learning more about the side of your investments he manages.

I learned a long time ago that when you're married

and it comes to making decisions, you should use all of your brain. That means both of you. Two heads are better than one, right? Back when I made all my mistakes with money and we went broke, I didn't listen to anyone about anything. I thought I knew it all. We had investments and owned pieces of property my wife never knew about or laid eyes on.

When it came to our finances, she always trusted me and told me to do what I thought was best. Well, it turns out, I was an idiot. If I'd had an ounce of sense or humility back then, I'd have gone to her with my all my bright ideas. Knowing her thoughts or hearing her say, "I don't know about that, honey. I've got a bad feeling about it" might've saved us a lot of pain and heartache — if I'd listened. But now, I understand like never before the meaning of Proverbs 31:10-12. "Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is above rubies. The heart of her hus-


band safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain" (NKJV).

I'm sure your husband is lot smarter about things than I was. And he's obviously open to talking with you about all this and showing you things. That's a really good sign. But if I were him, and something were to happen, I'd want you to understand everything. I'd want you to know exactly what you have going on and how it all works.

Great question, Anna!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★



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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



There are over 19,000 incorporated cities in the United States, but only 30 of those cities can make claim to having an NBA franchise. One of those cities is California's capital, Sacramento.

Troubled times have suddenly unfolded in the city of trees, as our beloved basketball team recently went on an extended losing streak that reached 8 games.

Vitriol abounded and it seemed like Chicken Little had taken up residence in river city.

Radio stations that typically would posture with the glass half full were going the other way, with endless ideas of how quickly this franchise can blow up the current team.

When a steady hand at the wheel was needed, not much was coming from the owner, GM, or the new coach of the team.

Not a recipe for success, so imagine after 8 disappointing defeats in a row that the Sactown boys would fly into Denver and stand off the mighty Nuggets. No imagining needed because that's exactly what the Kings did. While no one had an answer for the daunting center of the Nuggets, Nikola Jovic, who put up 44 points and 13 rebounds, the Kings controlled the rest of the lineup while playing perhaps their best 4th quarter of the young season.

No win could have come at a better time for a team that was getting zero respect from NBA pundits and hometown fans alike.

Much has been said about the pure talent on this team, with future hall of famers like Russell Westbrook, DeMar DeRozan, and Zach Lavine likely candidates for the Naismith Hall in Springfield Massachusetts, but the real conundrum is finding a way to get these accomplished ballers to play seamlessly together. That's exactly what happened last Saturday night and I think it took the Nuggets by surprise.

No 4th quarter collapse on this night, as Russell Westbrook put up 21 big points, while Dennis Schroder matched Westbrooks total with 21 points of his own, while coming off the bench once again.

In this matchup Denver couldn't focus on any one player, as Sacramento had some of the most even scoring, they have enjoyed all season. While Westbrook

dropped 15 of his 21 points in the 4th quarter, it was the ageless stalwart DeMar DeRozan that Sacramento turned to in the last minute of the game. Making 6 straight points DeMar made a crucial 3-point play the old-fashioned way, banking in a shot and converting the foul on the free throw line with only seconds remaining.

The Kings actually won a game from the free throw line, converting 22 of 23 attempts and demonstrated it is possible to be a good free throw shooting team!

Welcome back Keegan Murray as Keegan added 19 crucial points to the fray in only his second game back from injury, and if this performance is a glimpse of things to come, perhaps some of the hyperbole will subside and cooler heads will prevail.

Sacramento fans had to endure the debacle that was trading away the face of the franchise in DeAaron Fox less than a year ago and going through something similar would not be easy for a team still searching for their identity.

A word of reassurance coming from ownership would be nice at a time like this.

Suspect moves within the game such as sitting defensive specialist Keon Ellis for the first 3 quarters in back-to-back blowout losses simply have to stop. Sitting court-side in Golden One Arena while the crowd chants, "we want Keon, we want Keon," is a bad look at the very least, and Doug Christie must be better than this.

Having Keegan Murray back in the lineup is a shot in the arm, but let's not forget that the Kings accomplished this remarkable win with Domantas Sabonis sidelined with a knee injury.

Fans want to see a return to basics, like making free throws, and getting back on defense. Exerting energy and playing with passion is what Kings fans have become accustomed to, and I believe this team will not let their fan base down.

Coaches, put your players in places where they can succeed and find a rotation that every player can count on. We need good coaching and coaching that makes sense.

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

California Sees Revenue Uptick

Not Enough to Erase Its Chronic Budget Deficit



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

In the four months since the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom enacted a new state budget, revenues — primarily from personal income taxes — have outstripped expectations by several billion dollars.

The uptick has buoyed hopes within the Capitol that California's chronic budget deficits might disappear if the revenue surge continues. That would spare Newsom and legislators from having to dream up more accounting gimmicks, deferrals and loans to cover the gap between income and outgo.

However, the Legislature's fiscal advisor, Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, threw cold water on those rosy scenarios Wednesday. He sees recent revenue gains as a spike driven by an artificial intelligence boomlet in Silicon Valley that's likely to implode, as have previous tech-related bubbles.

"With so much exuberance surrounding AI, it now appears time to take seriously the notion that the stock market has become overheated," Petek says in his annual fiscal overview, which predates the governor's introduction of a new budget. "History suggests that the stock market is prone to overreact to major

technological advances, even if the technology itself turns out to be revolutionary."

Instead of savoring a surge in revenues that would erase what officials are calling a "structural deficit" that is somewhere in the \$10-20 billion range, officials should anticipate a larger gap, Petek says.

"Under our revenue and spending estimates, the Legislature faces an almost \$18 billion budget problem in 2026 27," Petek says. "This is about \$5 billion larger than the budget problem anticipated by the administration in June, despite improvements in revenue."

The analyst notes that California's constitution requires the state put money toward public schools and reserves, which will "almost entirely offset revenue gains," and toward other spending that's running about \$6 billion over the current budget's estimates.

"Starting in 2027 28, we estimate structural deficits to grow to about \$35 billion annually due to spending growth continuing to outstrip revenue growth," Petek says.

It should be noted, not for the first time, that California's chronic deficit is not caused by an economic downturn, which has occurred in the past, but rather by an enormous error by Newsom and his budget advisors three years ago.

In 2022, they projected a permanent increase in revenues, based on a one-time spike, leading Newsom to declare a \$97.5 billion budget surplus, boasting "No other state in

American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this."

Confident that the money would be there, Newsom and lawmakers fattened up the spending side of the budget, only to learn that the supposed surplus was based on what was later acknowledged to be a \$165 billion overstatement of revenues over four years.

Ever since, revenues have failed to cover the elevated spending, and Newsom and lawmakers have covered the gaps with the aforementioned gimmicks. They have incurred more than \$20 billion in internal loans from special funds that must be repaid. They also have drawn down reserves that were supposed to cover genuine emergencies, not political shortsightedness.

Newsom and his staff are now in the final throes of drafting an initial 2026-27 budget that will be his last as governor and will be unveiled in January. The question is whether he will face the fiscal music and finally write a truly balanced budget or employ more short-term fixes and dump the problem on his successor.

That would mean either making real cuts in spending or raising taxes, both of which would take some courage. The past has not been encouraging.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Social Security Matters

If We Both Collect Social Security, will our Benefits be Affected?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I reached full retirement age back in June, but I have not yet filed to collect Social Security. My husband currently collects SS funds, and he waited until he had reached full retirement age a few years ago. I am considering signing up now to receive my funds, but I am a little confused about whether I will receive my full benefit or is there some kind of adjustment made based on both of us collecting?

We are a simple case. We have been married for 46 years, so there are no other exes involved in this equation. He did everything online when he was ready to start receiving his funds, but we didn't consult with any advisor when my husband claimed. Now I think that adding me as a spouse might trigger some other things I should consider. Thank you for your advice. **Signed: Concerned Wife**

Dear Concerned: Since you and your husband have both reached your respective SS full retirement age (FRA), you are

both entitled to receive your full benefits without any reduction. And since you haven't yet filed, you are now accumulating Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) at the rate of .667% additional benefit for each month you continue to delay. You will get your full SS retirement benefit (plus any earned DRCs) when you claim. The only question you need to consider is whether either you or your husband will be entitled to a "spousal boost" (an increase) when you claim.

If the SS retirement benefit you were entitled to at your FRA is less than 50% the amount your husband was entitled to at his FRA, then you will get a "spousal boost" on top of your own SS retirement amount (the "boost" amount would be the difference between your FRA amount and half of his FRA amount). But if your SS amount at your FRA is more than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement, then you will only get your own SS retirement benefit based on your own lifetime earnings record. Spouse benefits are always determined from each partner's FRA entitlement, and if one partner's FRA amount is less than 50% of the other partner's FRA amount, then a spousal boost will be given. And that also works if your FRA entitlement is higher than your husband's — if your FRA amount is more than twice your husband's FRA amount, then he will get a spousal boost from you. Otherwise, each of you

will get only your personally earned SS retirement amount, and both of you collecting SS will not negatively affect each other's individual SS benefit.

FYI, the spousal boost amount stops growing at full retirement age, so if you are eligible for a spousal boost from your husband then you should claim your SS benefits now and ask for benefits retroactive to June (your FRA month). However, if you will not get a spousal boost from your husband, you have the option of delaying even further and earning more DRCs (thus a higher monthly benefit). You can earn DRCs up to age 70, at which time you will get the maximum possible Social Security benefit (about 127% of your personal FRA amount if you delay that long).

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The GOP Can't Punt on Health Care

massive new regulations on the individual insurance market in order to cover the sick and lower costs. The fact is that there are better ways to achieve the former goal, and the latter has been unrealized.

As Avik Roy of the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity points out, Barack Obama ran for president promising that his health-care reform would reduce premiums by as much as \$2,500 per family. That was as misleading as his promise that "if you like your plan, you can keep your plan." Roy notes that premiums for the benchmark "silver" Obamacare plans -- the law created metallic tiers for various insurance plans -- have nearly tripled since 2013. At the same time, deductibles for those same silver plans have more than doubled, outpacing the rate of increase for employer-sponsored plans.

Democrats no longer pretend that Obamacare is going to reduce costs. Instead, they insist that without expanded credits and now that it's done the opposite, it is incumbent on Republicans, in the name of all that is right and good, to support additional subsidies for the law."

The GOP is so hopeless on health care that it will have trouble countering this argument. Fifteen years after the passage of Obamacare and after a major attempt to repeal it early in Trump's first term, it still lacks a concrete alternative of its own, even though the policy direction here should be clear enough. Obamacare imposed

sideize the premiums of the old and sick.

As Roy observes, it'd make more sense to have so-called reinsurance programs, either at the federal level or in the states, to pay the cost of care of people with pre-existing conditions. This alone should reduce premiums for everyone else. The "age band" imposed by Obamacare -- mandating that young people can't pay too much less than old people -- should be loosened. Obamacare taxes should be repealed; the law should allow for a genuine bare bones "catastrophic plans" for those who want one; and states should be given as much leeway to innovate as possible.

Republicans would also be smart to build on a Trump administration rule from the first term that allowed employers to fund accounts -- Health Reimbursement Accounts, or HRAs -- for employees to buy their own individual coverage.

TITLE: None of these ideas will make the case for themselves, though. Republicans have to introduce them to the public and explain them, even if they'd prefer to be talking about something else. Failing to do so represents a serious political risk -- of either swallowing Obamacare subsidies that they never supported before, or going to the voters next year empty-handed. If they lose the midterms on the issue of affordability, they can't say that they weren't warned.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2025 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

Students Show Continued Increase in Academic Achievement

Chronic Absenteeism Continues to Fall

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO COUNTY REGION (MPG) - The California Department of Education on Nov. 13 released the 2025 California School Dashboard and new DataQuest files, reporting improved outcomes across all major indicators of student success.

The state's graduation rate reached 87.5 percent, the highest level since the Dashboard launched in 2017 and an increase of 4.5 percentage points over that period. Officials said the gains were stronger among several student groups, including Pacific Islander students, who saw a 4.1 percentage point increase. African American students improved by 3.5 percentage points. Long-term English learners gained 3.3 percentage points, foster youth improved by 2.8 percentage points and students with disabilities improved by 2.7 percentage points.

College and career readiness also improved. The state reported that 51.7 percent of graduates were prepared for college and career, an increase of 3.1 percentage points. The share of students completing the A-G course requirements rose to 53.9 percent. These requirements represent the minimum set of courses needed for admission to California's public universities.

Chronic absenteeism among students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade continued to fall. The statewide rate declined to 17.1 percent,



Chronic absenteeism among students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade continued to fall. Photo by RDNE Stock project

down more than 10 percentage points from its peak of 30 percent in 2022. The drop from 2024 to 2025 was one percentage point. State officials said the slowdown in the improvement rate shows that more targeted efforts will be needed to reengage families and students who remain chronically absent.

Academic performance also showed modest improvement, consistent with results released in October from statewide assessments.

For the first time in the Dashboard's history, all indicators appeared in the yellow or green categories, which signal

improvement across both current performance and year-over-year progress.

State leaders said the positive trends reflect major investments in TK-12 education, including initiatives such as community schools, expanded learning programs, universal school meals and literacy coaches.

"Seeing modest improvement on every dashboard indicator should encourage us to deepen our investments in every child's progress," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond said in a statement. He said he was encouraged by reduced achievement gaps but added that more

work remains.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said the results show progress but emphasized the need to continue expanding support for students and educators.

"The more we can invest time, energy, and resources into our kids, the better their future can be," Newsom said.

State Board of Education President Linda Darling-Hammond said the outcomes demonstrate continued recovery from the pandemic. She cited rising graduation rates, stronger college and career readiness, and improved academic performance. She added that significant work

remains to sustain and accelerate progress.

The California Department of Education noted that many districts across the state showed substantial gains, which officials said highlight how targeted investments can advance student achievement. The 2024 Budget Act included \$133.8 billion for K-12 education, the highest per-pupil state funding level in California's history.

California has also expanded access to transitional kindergarten for thousands of four-year-olds and added \$215 million to the Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists Grant Program, which supports early literacy programs and interventions for students who need additional help.

The California School Dashboard is a central component of the state's accountability system and includes data on graduation, suspensions, test scores, English learner progress, college and career readiness, chronic absenteeism and local indicators.

Alongside the Dashboard, the California Department of Education released several DataQuest reports for the 2024-25 school year. These include four- and five-year graduation rates, suspension and expulsion rates, chronic absenteeism data, absenteeism by reason, stability rates, and homeless student enrollment.

More information on the Dashboard is available on the California Department of Education's website at cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp. ★

DA Thien Ho Launches 'The People vs. The Golden State Killer'



Following the remarks at the Nov. 12 "The People vs. the Golden State Killer" book launch, attendees participated in a lively Q&A session and book signing, celebrating both the release of the book and the culmination of decades of investigative work. Photo courtesy of D.A. Thien Ho

Books Forward News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho celebrated the launch of his new book, "The People vs. the Golden State Killer," at the Sacramento Central Library's Tsakopoulos Library Galleria on Nov. 12.

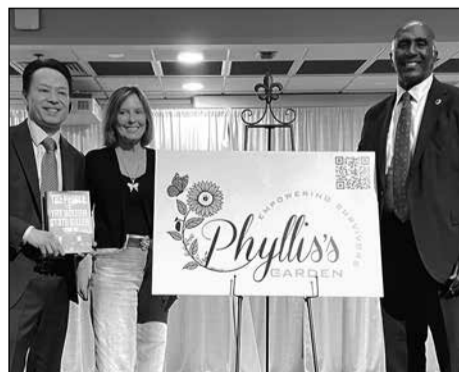
Released on Nov. 11, the book achieved #1 New Release status on Amazon.

The memoir offers an extraordinary look at the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of Joseph James DeAngelo, one of the most notorious serial killers in U.S. history. Unlike most accounts, Ho's book centers on the survivors, investigators and prosecutors, highlighting their courage and perseverance while honoring the resilience of victims' families.

"Too often, the spotlight stays on the monster. I wanted to shift the focus to the heroes: the survivors, the investigators and the prosecutors who never gave up. They are the soul of this case," said Ho.

At the Nov. 12 event, Ho shared behind-the-scenes stories from the case, offering insights into both DeAngelo's criminal mind and the process of seeking justice.

Ho also highlighted the critical use of investigative genetic genealogy, which allowed investigators to trace distant relatives through public DNA databases and identify DeAngelo after decades. This breakthrough not only solved one of California's most infamous cold cases but has transformed how law enforcement



"The People vs. the Golden State Killer" is now available nationwide at major retailers and online. Photo courtesy of D.A. Thien Ho

tackles unsolved crimes nationwide.

"Justice, for me, was not just a sentence; it was a sense of peace for the survivors who carried these scars for decades. I came to this country as a refugee fleeing violence. To now serve as the elected district attorney and bring one of the nation's most brutal serial predators to justice was full circle. It is deeply rewarding to know that the work we did, including the breakthrough use of genetic genealogy, will have a lasting impact."

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For more information, visit <https://www.thienho.org/>. ★

Community Foundation Partners with Health Net

Sacramento Region Community Foundation News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Region Community Foundation has activated its Sacramento Region Emergency Relief Fund in response to an urgent and immediate community crisis - severely strained food banks that are struggling to serve an increasing number of local families facing serious food insecurity.

With food banks and pantries throughout the region already stretched alarmingly thin, local nonprofits report sharp increases in food requests due to inflation, lingering effects of the pandemic, and the SNAP interruption that created a tipping point for many families already on the edge of financial instability.

What originally started as a \$100,000 grant grew by an additional \$30,000 boost from Health Net, bringing the total to \$130,000, demonstrating the powerful impact that pooled contributions of all sizes can make.

"At Health Net, we know that strong communities start with access to healthy food," said Amber Kemp, vice president of Medi-Cal Strategy, Execution, and Engagement. "This funding allows us to partner with local organizations to ensure families have the resources they need to thrive. Together, we're building healthier neighborhoods and a brighter future for all."

Grants designed to provide immediate relief will support key local food assistance providers throughout the region. These one-time grants will help food assistance providers serving children, seniors and working families across the Sacramento region. The six organizations receiving immediate emergency funding from this grant include Elk Grove Food Bank



In response to an urgent and immediate community crisis - severely strained food banks that are struggling to serve an increasing number of local families facing serious food insecurity. Courtesy photo

Services, Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank, Rancho Cordova Food Locker, River City Food Bank, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services and Twin Lakes Food Bank.

"This is absolutely the right investment to make at this critical moment in time," said Kerry Wood, CEO of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. "With the foundation's focus on health equity and the dire food situation faced by hundreds of thousands of local families, we are committed to standing with our nonprofit partners on the frontlines of hunger relief. Our region's families cannot wait for long-term solutions when the need is this urgent and immediate."

Established by local donors in 2005, the Sacramento Region Emergency Relief Fund is designed to provide swift and strategic response to local emergencies, such as the food crisis happening now. Over the past two decades, the fund has provided emergency support for COVID-19 response, wildfires and other regional crises. The fund is fueled by community donations, allowing philanthropic people and partners across the region to pool resources and respond collectively when emergencies strike. ★

This latest grant continues a legacy of responsiveness, addressing an exceptional situation where immediate action is needed but is just the beginning. The foundation encourages community members to join this critically important effort to keep food on the table of local families by donating online to the Sacramento Region Emergency Relief Fund at srfc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1787.

"While philanthropy alone cannot solve food insecurity, collective generosity can make a world of difference in ensuring that families have food and support during this crisis and beyond," added Wood.

This grant is in alignment with the foundation's continuing efforts to address food insecurity. In fact, the Foundation also recently committed \$1 million over three years to address food insecurity in Yolo County, combining short- and long-term strategies for sustainable food access. Over the past week, foundation fundholders have also increased granting to support food banks and pantries throughout the region.

More information about the Sacramento Region Community Foundation and charitable giving can be found at www.sacregcf.org.

Since 1983, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation has awarded more than \$275 million in grants and scholarships on behalf of local people, families and businesses, and through its flagship program, to grow charitable giving in the capital area Big Day of Giving. The center of philanthropy in the capital area, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation's mission is to lead, serve, and inspire enduring philanthropy for a just and vibrant Sacramento region. Learn more at www.sacregcf.org. ★

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07982**
Joe Gabbard and Ike Gabbard,
P.O. Box 1992, Fair Oaks, CA
95628 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"California Colors" 8151
Deseret Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA
95628. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 27,
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CALIFORNIA 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08032**
Sacramento Based Adult Day
Services, Inc, 620 Bercut Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Kingdom
Living ADHC/Kingdom Living
Adult Day Health Care" 620
Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA
95811. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 28,
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Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025
KINGDOM 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08161**
Ruslana Shylo, 3660 Rollins
Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Dreamland"
3660 Rollins Way, Antelope, CA
95843. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County November
3, 2025
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DREAMLAND 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07834**
Tilford Enterprises LLC, 9280
Greenback Lane, Orangevale,
CA 95662 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "TE Auto Sales" 9280
Greenback Lane, Orangevale,
CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County October
21, 2025
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TE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07981**
Pacheco Water Trucks, 19960
Cold Springs, Reno, NV 89508
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Pacheco Water Trucks"
19960 Cold Springs, Reno, NV
89508. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 27,
2025
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PACHECO 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08268**
Jennifer Tracy and Nancy
A. Tracy, 1764 4th Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Woven
Web Designs" 1764 4th Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento

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WOVEN 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08123**
Mic Locker LLC, 6616 Vienna
Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"DelCampo Sound" 6616 Vienna
Court, Citrus Heights, CA
95621. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 30,
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DELCAMPO 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08265**
Francisco Javier Cano, 8727
Lakha Circle, Sacramento,
CA 95828 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "The Stable 916" 8727
Lakha Circle, Sacramento, CA
95828. Filed with the Clerk of
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STABLE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08258**
Mark Mroz, 6733 Lincoln Oaks
Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Winko
Group" 6733 Lincoln Oaks Drive,
Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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WINKO 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08263**
Caitlin Mae Schullstrom, 3399
Egmont Way, Sacramento,
CA 95827 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Mae Babe Studio"
3399 Egmont Way, Sacramento,
CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County November
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MAE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08278**
Alexander David Martin, 7919
Tanana River Court, Citrus
Heights, CA 95610 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Trusted
Care Pest Control" 7919 Tanana
River Court, Citrus Heights, CA
95610. Filed with the Clerk of
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TRUSTED 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08284**
Surinder Singh, 1730 Harwood
Way, Sacramento, CA 95835
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"GHS Trans" 1730 Harwood
Way, Sacramento, CA
95835. Filed with the Clerk of
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GHS 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08243**
KVlash Rancho LLC, 9000
Caselman Road, Sacramento,
CA 95829 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "K&V Lash Studio"
10364 Rockingham Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed
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KV 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08244**
KV Lash LLC, 9000 Caselman
Road, Sacramento, CA 95829
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"K&V Lash Studio" 6833
Stockton Boulevard Suite
425-435, Sacramento, CA
95823. Filed with the Clerk of
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LASH 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08245**
KV Lash LLC, 9000 Caselman
Road, Sacramento, CA 95829
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"K&V Lash Studio" 6611 Folsom-
Auburn Road Suite F, Folsom,
CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County November
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KVLASH 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07700**
Imani Muhammad-Hernandez,
1001 15th Street, Sacramento,
CA 95814 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Crowné" 1001
15th Street, Sacramento, CA
95814. Filed with the Clerk of
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CROWNE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08162**
Inna Suzanska, 4308 Mascon
Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Lady and
Gentleman Kids" 4308 Mascon
Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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LADY 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08285**
Harjinder Singh, 3812 Water
Mist Way, Sacramento, CA
95835 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"HSK Trucking" 3812 Water
Mist Way, Sacramento, CA
95835. Filed with the Clerk of
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HSK 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07923**
Michelle Lancashire, 9708
Latana court, Elk Grove, CA,
95757 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Capital Hair Studio" 1500 7th
Street Unit 1C, Sacramento, CA
95814. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 23,
2025
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GUIDESTONE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07965**
Block Pro Services LLC,
4032 Senate Avenue, North
Highlands, CA 95660 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Cubby
Colors/Cubby Colors LLC"
4032 Senate Avenue, North
Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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CUBBY 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08232**
Christian Bruce and Jordan Cote,
3631 Truxel Road, Sacramento,
CA 95834 are doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "OneCity/One City"
3631 Truxel Road, Sacramento,
CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County November
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ONE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07630**
Victor Al Richard Mendoza, 110
Globe Avenue, Sacramento, CA
95815 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Step by Step Innovations &
Remodeling" 110 Globe Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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STEP 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08180**
Dmytro Lyushenko, 730 1st
Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Dmytro Lyushenko Immigration
Consulting/Lyushenko,
Tuhulokov Immigration
Consulting" 730 1st Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County November 3, 2025
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DMYTRO 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08267**
Alekozay LLC, 8929 Paulhaus
Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"American Gas & Liquor" 5682
Main Avenue, Orangevale, CA
95662. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County November
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AMERICAN 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07945**
Oksana Stasyuk, 3330 Bryant
Court, Sacramento, CA 95821
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Next Chapter" 3330 Bryant
Court, Sacramento, CA
95821. Filed with the Clerk of
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2025
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NEXT 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07781**
Bruceville Softball LLC, 8302
Arroyo Vista Drive, Sacramento,
CA 95823 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Civic Empowerment
Group" 8302 Arroyo Vista Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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CIVIC 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08279**
Leslie Ann Murphy, 3849
Hollister Avenue, Carmichael,
CA 95608 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "AMR Art/Annie
Murphy-Robinson Artist" 3849
Hollister Avenue, Carmichael,
CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County November
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AMR 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08126**
Claudia Rogus, 3350 Sierra
View Lane, Sacramento, CA
95821 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"WoWmom Bakery" 3350 Sierra
View Lane, Sacramento, CA
95821. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 30,
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WOWMOM 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08159**
Maria Stramnova, 2740 Fulton
Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"FaceTypo Agency" 2740
Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA
95821. Filed with the Clerk of
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FACETYPO 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08367**
Travis Harrington, 7344 Filbert
Avenue, Orangevale, CA
95662 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Faded Red Friday
Publishing" 7344 Filbert Avenue,
Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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FADED 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07086**
Ascend Beverage Co., 8 The
Green, Suite B, Dover, DE
19901 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Sungod/Sungod Balanced
Hardwater" 314 Chimney Rock
Road, Stateline, NV 89449. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County September 22, 2025
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SUNGOD 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08128**
Robert Warwick, 12800
Herringbone Way, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95742 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "The Law
Offices of Robert Warwick/
Resilience Wildfire Law/
The California Wildfire Law
Firm" 12800 Herringbone
Way, Rancho Cordova, CA
95742. Filed with the Clerk of
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2025
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LAW 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08371**
Pacific Cities Management Inc.,
11344 Coloma Road Suite 155,
Gold River, CA 95670 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Westcal
Management" 11344 Coloma
Road Suite 155, Gold River, CA
95670. Filed with the Clerk of
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WESTCAL 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08402**
F.O.A.M Collective Females/
Fellas on A Mission LLC, 8465
Elk Grove Florin Road Suite 100
#2025, Elk Grove, CA 95624
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"F.O.A.M Luxe Events/F.O.A.M
Collective Apparel" 2108
N Street, Sacramento, CA
95811. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County November
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WESTCAL 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08389**
Apex Group International Inc.,
1618 Alhambra Boulevard Suite
2635, Sacramento, CA 95816
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Attract-X/Apex Labs" 1929 P
Street Unit A, Sacramento, CA
95816. Filed with the Clerk of
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FOAM 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08228**
Matthew Smith, PO Box 276794,
Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Smith
Custom Stoneworks" 3435
Router Road #76, Sacramento,
CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County November
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ATTRACT 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07514**
United Construction
Management Corp, 1225 8th
Street Suite 210, Sacramento,
CA 95814 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "United ECM/United
Engineering & Construction
Management" 1225 8th Street
Suite 210, Sacramento, CA
95814. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 8,
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UNITED 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08435**
NCA Consultants Corporation,
7255 Roca Way, Sacramento,
CA 95842 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Otakuforever Art"
7255 Roca Way, Sacramento,
CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County November
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NCA 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08394**
Bellmore Services LLC, 2500
Tourbrook Way, Sacramento,
CA 95833 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Akaax Photography"
2500 Tourbrook Way,
Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento,
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AKAAX 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08341**
Destiny Renee Wells and
Vincent Paul Wells, 5626
Chipping Way, Citrus Heights,
CA 95621 are doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Wells Home Services/
Wells Enterprises" 5626
Chipping Way, Citrus Heights,
CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk
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Defendant Convicted of Attempted Murder Outside Diamond Billiards

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 20, Immanuel Gardner was convicted by a jury of attempted murder and felon in possession

of a firearm. The jury also found true allegations that Gardner intentionally discharged a firearm causing great bodily injury and that the crime involved great violence.

Gardner and the victim did not know each other. On June 21,

2024, Gardner and the victim exchanged words in the parking lot of Diamond Billiards in Rancho Cordova. Gardner went into his car and retrieved a semi-automatic firearm. Gardner then began punching the victim.

After the victim got away,

Gardner continued to pursue the victim and ultimately fired three rounds at the victim. The victim suffered massive internal injuries but survived. Another individual ran out of Diamond Billiards and shot Gardner, who then fled the scene. Gardner was apprehended

down the road from Diamond Billiards.

Gardner faces a maximum sentence of 34 years and eight months to life in prison. Sentencing is set for 11 a.m. Dec. 12 in Department 32 before the Honorable James Arguelles. ★

Defendant Convicted of Murder During Carjacking at Bank

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Nov. 7, 2025, Jimmy Washington was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder with the special circumstance that the murder was committed during the commission of a

carjacking on 084 true.

The jury also convicted Washington of carjacking and found true a great bodily injury allegation and aggravating factor that the crime was done in a manner that caused great bodily harm.

The victim, James Nguyen, was an ATM technician. On June 17, 2021, he was fixing

a drive-up ATM at the Wells Fargo near Stockton Blvd. and Florin Rd. His work van was parked a couple feet away from him. Jimmy Washington was at the bank cashing a check.

While the victim worked on the ATM, Washington carjacked the victim's van. When the victim attempted to prevent the carjacking, Washington sped

through the parking lot with the victim dangling from the open driver's window. Washington drove recklessly and nearly hit pedestrians and other vehicles.

Washington then either pushed the victim or drove in way to make the victim fall from the van. The victim was run over by the van as Washington drove away and

was in a vegetative state for nearly nine months until he eventually succumbed to his injuries.

Washington faces a maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Sentencing is set for Dec. 9, 2025, at 9 a.m. in Department 21 before the Honorable Shelleyanne Chang. ★

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RENEW 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08220
Holt of California, 7310 Pacific Avenue, Pleasant Grove, CA 95668 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Cat Rental Store" 8900 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2025
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CAT 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08519
Charles E Sims, 4915 Holyoke Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CJ The Bug Guy", 4915 Holyoke Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
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CJ 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08216
Viceroy Improvement LLC, 400 E Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78752 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DaBella" 1300 National Drive Suite 170, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2025
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DABELLA 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08547
Paul V. Scholl, 2508 Garfield Avenue #A, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Messenger Publisher Group/Carmichael Times/Citrus Heights Messenger/Elk Grove Citizen/The Galt Herald/Rancho Cordova Grapevine Independent/The Rio Linda News/American River Messenger/East Sacramento News/Pocket News/Land Park News/Arden Arcade News/West Sacramento News Ledger/Dixon Independent Voice/Territorial Dispatch/River Valley Times/Gold River Messenger/Colusa County Pioneer Review/The Gridley Herald/Placer Sentinel/Sacramento Oracle/The Placer Mercury/Auburn

Sentinel/Granite Bay Mirror/Natomas Messenger/North County Messenger/Orangevale Sun/Wheatland Sun/West Sacramento Sun/Single Again.com/GreatAmericanPatriot.com/USHospice.com/LovingOutLoud.com" 2508 Garfield Avenue #A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
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MESSENGER 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08472
K'Brianey Albro, 7800 52nd Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Practical Doula Magic" 7800 52nd Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
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PRACTICAL 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08476
Nestor E. Romero, 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phenomenal Pool & Landscape/916 Pools" 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025
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POOL 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08541
Nazim Khakimov, 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Awesome CA" 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
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AWESOME 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07890
NB Torrez Inc., 3437 E. Collier Road, Acampo, CA 95220 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Chopping Block Deli" 905 C Street, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2025
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CHOPPING 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07891
NB Torrez Inc, 3437 E. Collier

Road, Acampo, CA 95220 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "9 Bars Coffee" 2543 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2025
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BARS 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07849
Joyce Abu, 8617 Shadow Crest Circle, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fachimahaibraiding & Supply/Fachima Hair Braiding & Supply" 8617 Shadow Crest Circle, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2025
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FACHIMA 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08536
NorCal Apex Enterprises LLC, 436 Main Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NorCal Apex Enterprises LLC/NorCal Apex" 436 Main Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
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NORCAL 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08439
Luis Barillas, 2830 Bravado Drive "D", Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stringfield's Auto Repair N Electric" 2830 Bravado Drive "D", Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025
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STRINGFIELDS 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08443
Adam Walid Hachme, 2237 Fulton Avenue Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Choice Auto Center" 2237 Fulton Avenue Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025
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CHOICE 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08487
Gurjar Bros Transport Inc, 2665

Stone Creek Drive Apt 109, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "G Star Trucking" 2665 Stone Creek Drive Apt 109, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025
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STAR 12-19-25

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF202503993
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: WestView Home Group, 8905 Gold Leaf Way.
Ricardo Meza, 8905 Gold Leaf Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on May 28, 2025 in the County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: May 28, 2025.
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025
WESTVIEW 12-12-25

STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV025319
Tamrat Tadesse Tamrat and Kidist Wolde Neri has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Robel Tamrat Tadesse to Robel Tadesse Tamrat.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 23, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025
TAMRAT 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026877
Atrin Kalantaripourdarranji has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Atrin Kalantaripourdarranji to Atrin Kalantari.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 4, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025
ATRIN 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV020744
Lee Andrew Feijo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lee Andrew Feijo to Lee Andrew Davis JR and Lucas Malcom Feijo to Lucas Lee Davis and Mason Lee Feijo to Mason Lee Davis and Emersyn Makena Owens to Emersyn Makena Owens Davis.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 2, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025
FEJO 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026408

Michael Erick Jorgensen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Michael Erick Jorgensen to Michael Erick Holmes.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 4, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025
JORGENSEN 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV025503

Abdul Wasi Niazi & Lida Niazi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Usra Niazi to Dina Niazi.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 24, 2025
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025
NIAZI 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026139

Rosalia Zubillaga has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rosalia Zubillaga to Rosalia Spoonhunter.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 3, 2025
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025
ZUBILLAGA 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV027508

Magda Christy Taraya Perez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Magda Christy Taraya Perez to Magda Taraya Perez Knapp.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 14, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
PEREZ 12-19-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BONNIE J. ECKHARDT CASE NO. 25PR003660
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Bonnie J. Eckhardt.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Wanda L. Dewolf, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Wanda L. Dewolf be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the

decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Esther Ralich, 404 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; 916-985-3466
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025
ECKHARDT 12-5-25

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DATE OF LIEN SALE: Dec 10, 2025 ADDRESS: 2435 EVERGREEN ST, SACRAMENTO, CA 95815
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that on **December 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the **City Council** of the City of Citrus Heights will hold a Public Hearing at the **City Council Chambers located at 6360 Fountain Sq Dr, Citrus Heights, CA** for consideration of the projects listed below.

- The request is the adoption of a Resolution authorizing staff to apply for renewal of the City's Prohousing Designation pursuant to the California Department of Housing and Community Development's regulations for the Prohousing Designation Program.
- The request is the adoption of a Resolution authorizing application for, and receipt of, Prohousing Incentive Program funds.

Project Title/Name: Prohousing Designation
Project Location: Citywide
Project Applicant: City of Citrus Heights
Contact: Alison Bermudez, Senior Planner

Environmental Determination: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) only applies to projects which have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The project consists of policy and procedure-making activities which have no potential for physical effects on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)).

Following the Public Hearing, the **City Council** may take such action on the project as it deems appropriate. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments prior to and may testify at the Public Hearing. **Written comments may be submitted to Amy Van, City Clerk, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.** If the matter is continued for any reason to a later date, written comments and public testimony will be accepted until the close of the final Public Hearing. All comments will be considered by the Approving Authority.

If you challenge the action of the **City Council** on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Amy Van, City Clerk at 916-725-2448. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. TTY/TDD users with questions or comments can call the California Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1.

Dated: November 12, 2025

Citrus Heights Messenger 11-28-2025

Save Mart Launches Hunger Relief Campaign

Holiday food drive delivers 100% of donations to local food banks, first distribution before Christmas

The Save Mart Companies News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Save Mart Companies, one of the West Coast's largest regional, full-service grocery chains, launched its annual Friends Feeding Friends holiday food drive in partnership with Keurig Dr Pepper.

Running through Jan. 1 at all Save Mart, Lucky and FoodMaxx stores across California and Western Nevada, this year's campaign arrives at a critical moment as families face economic hardship and rising food insecurity. The Save Mart Companies and Keurig Dr Pepper have committed a combined \$120,000 in matching donations

to amplify shopper generosity and support local food banks throughout the region.

"Friends Feeding Friends is neighbors looking out for neighbors and this year, we're going bigger than ever," said Donovan Ford, senior vice president and chief operations officer at The Save Mart Companies. "We had a successful campaign last year but this year, we're targeting at least 10 times more donations, because the need has grown and our communities' capacity to help is extraordinary. With Keurig Dr Pepper's partnership, we're proving what's possible when we come together. And here's what makes this powerful: every dollar stays in the community

where it's raised. That hyperlocal impact is what sets regional grocers apart."

The mechanics are simple: shoppers add a \$5 or \$10 Pantry Pack at checkout and every register, every store, every transaction is an opportunity to help. The Save Mart Companies and Keurig Dr Pepper each contribute \$1,000 daily for 60 days, turning customer generosity into amplified impact. Donations raised in Modesto feed Modesto families, Reno contributions support Reno neighbors, Oakland dollars help Oakland communities.

"Keurig Dr Pepper is committed to supporting the communities where we live and work and this partnership with The Save Mart

Companies allows us to make meaningful impact during a time families need it most," said Mario Guardado, regional vice president at Keurig Dr Pepper. "By matching donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$60,000, we're joining shoppers and The Save Mart Companies in proving what's possible when neighbors come together to help neighbors."

The first round of donations will be distributed during the week of Dec. 15, ensuring families receive support before the holidays. A second round of distributions will follow in early 2026, bridging what is often a difficult winter stretch for many households.

"When a family comes to our food distribution because their

SNAP benefits were delayed or their paycheck didn't stretch far enough, we need to be able to help," said Kym Dildine, co-CEO, Central California Food Bank. "The partnership with The Save Mart Companies and the fact that 100% of donations stay right here in Central California means we can say yes more often."

Stores will celebrate donations with in-store recognition, weekly impact counters tracking progress toward goal and community storytelling throughout the campaign.

For more information on The Save Mart Companies' philanthropic initiatives, visit <https://www.thesavemartcompanies.com/community>.

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by Jeff Pickering

Amber Waves

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RELATIVES WILL BE VISITING AND ASKING FOR CHRISTMAS LISTS, SO SHOW ME ADORABILITY...

GIVE ME CUTE SMILES, BIG ENERGY AND WHEN ASKED, JUST TELL ALL OF THEM YOU'VE BEEN GOOD!

BEST TO GO OVER THIS OUT HERE. STUFF SAID IN FRONT OF PARENTS TENDS TO GET BACK TO SANTA.

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

CREDIT CARDS? CHECK. COUPONS? CHECK. EXTRA SHOPPING BAGS? CHECK. NOW JUST POINT ME AT ANY TARGET, DARYL.

YOU GOT IT, HON.

EMILY GETS IN THE SPIRIT OF BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING

by Gary Kopervas

TIGER

TRASH PICK-UP DAY

HEY, THAT'S MY FAVORITE PAIL

HEY, TIGER!

WHAT'S A IDEA OF THROWING MY PAIL AWAY??

MY BIKE!

by Bud Blake

TUMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE

POW!

LOOKS LIKE I GOT A FAMILY MEETING. OSCAR, WHILE I'M GONE, THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU DID TO DESERVE THAT BEATING.

WHAT DID I DO?

IF I KNEW, I WOULDNT HAVE TOLD YOU TO FIGURE IT OUT.

OKAY BRUTUS, WHAT DO YOU AND BRUTO WANNA TALK ABOUT?

WE GOTTA FIGURE OUT MOM'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

SHE WANTS A FAMILY PORTRAIT OF ALL OF HER SONS AND GRANDKIDS.

HAI BURLO ANIT MAKIN LANDFALL AS LONG AS HE OWES CHILD SUPPORT.

SINCE YOU'RE HIS TUN, WE WERE HEARIN YOU COULD TALK...

ARE YOU NUTS? BURLO HATES ME, MORE THAN HE HATES ANYONE ELSE!

THIS IS ALL MUMSH WANTS.

FINE! I CANT GET HM TO SHOW UP BUT ILL GET A PERFECT STAND-IN.

AWNT THE AMOUNT YA WANT THAT'S A PROBLEM. JUST NEVER BEEN ASKED TO EMBROIDER A MAN'S FACE ON A BAG BEFORE.

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- Rome's Colosseum, e.g.
- I ___ you so!
- The opposite of a store the day before Christmas?
- "Auld Lang Syne" poet
- "Partridge's perch (2 words)
- Vegas numbers
- New Zealand's indigenous people
- Fuss
- Tabby's favorite herb
- More so than swell
- Big-headedness
- Resembling an ape
- John Wayne Gacy's ___ the Clown
- Photographer Dorothea of "Migrant Mother" fame
- Type or kind
- Like a sheep after a haircut
- D'Artagnan's weapon of choice
- Superlative of #33 Down
- U.S. central bank
- Wilma and Fred's hometown
- "Latke's main ingredient
- Word of possibility
- Turning token taker
- Exclamation of sorrow
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- Saintly glow
- Letter opener
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- Banana leftover
- Guessimate phrase
- "Color on a Kwanzaa flag
- Not divisible by two
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DOWN

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- Chicago's central district, with The
- Gawk at
- Wish harm upon, arch.
- One of The Beatles
- Pileus, pl.
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- Group of cows
- Bed-and-breakfast alternative, pl.
- "The Nutcracker" step
- Certain cephalopod, pl.
- It's sometimes humble
- "Chuck Berry's "Run, ___ Run"
- Reason to strike
- Grass bristle
- Famous one, slangily
- Open-mouthed
- Like a well-defined muscle
- Hot alcoholic beverage
- Washing sponge
- Type of heron
- Rondeau, alt. sp.
- Santa's beverage of choice
- Not well
- Original home of Christmas tannenbaum
- Fur shawl
- Extremely unfriendly
- Plane trick
- Reprive in a desert
- Muscle to bone connector
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By MPG Staff

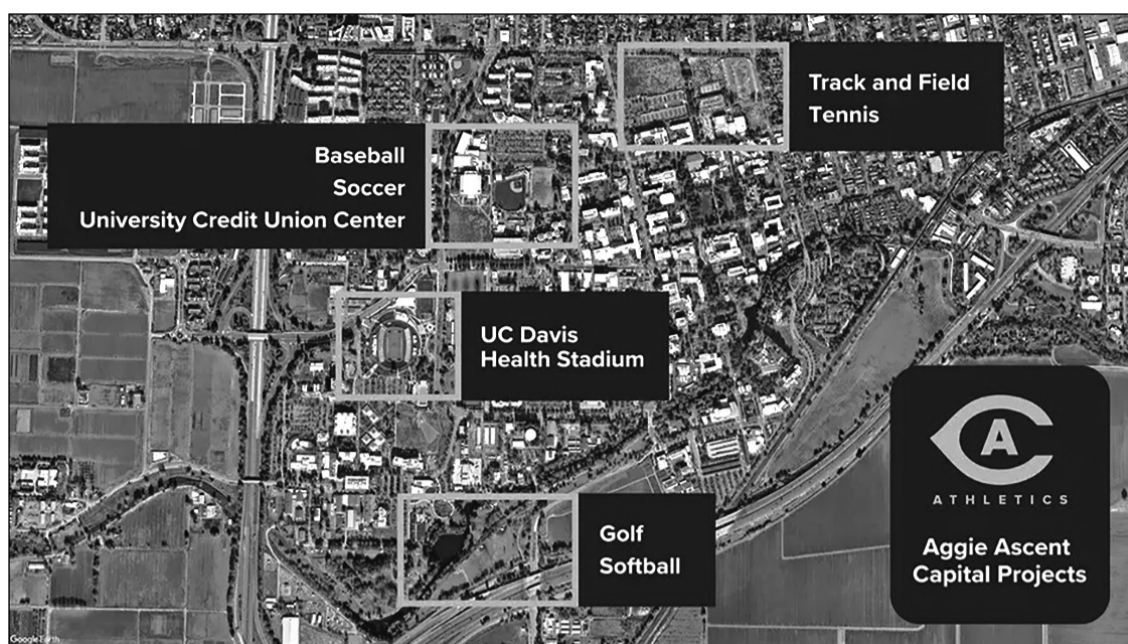
DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The University of California, Davis announced Aggie Ascent, a bold new facilities master plan that defines the next chapter for UC Davis Athletics.

Developed in partnership with ELS Architecture and Urban Design, Aggie Ascent represents the university's first unified vision for athletics infrastructure: one rooted in innovation, connection and long-term impact. The plan envisions dynamic athletics districts designed to enrich the student-athlete experience, enhance the fan journey and strengthen the department's long-term sustainability.

"As we transition into the Mountain West Conference, Aggie Ascent is about more than facilities; it's about aligning with the future of Division I athletics," said Rocko DeLuca, athletics director. "This plan captures the climb ahead of us and the belief that our student-athletes and fans deserve an experience that matches the excellence of UC Davis. Every project, from the stadium district to the golf center, represents a step forward and building something uniquely ours."

Aggie Ascent outlines a \$265-million phased, gift-driven approach that allows UC Davis to advance projects as leadership gifts and partnerships are secured. Early priorities include revenue-generating and high-impact facilities that expand community engagement and elevate game-day atmosphere.

The UC Davis Health Stadium lays out a reimagined fan experience anchored by new premium seating, suites and a hospitality concourse. The \$50-million expansion will include a special



This graphic depicts highlighted areas for the recently-announced "Aggie Ascent," a \$265-million project for the student-athlete experience. Graphic provided by UC Davis Athletics

event space to be used year-round by the university community.

The Woody Wilson Track and Field Complex will see a new NCAA-compliant, eight-lane facility with west-facing spectator seating, integrating all events, including throws, into a single venue with an option to add team spaces and restrooms with a total cost of \$14.5 million.

Also expected is a 350-yard driving range featured at the Golf Training Center, with short game and putting greens that will have dual roles serving the university's golf programs as well as the surrounding communities. The anticipated project cost is \$18.7 million.

Future phases will expand and elevate baseball, soccer and the University Credit Union Center venues. A new softball stadium with locker rooms, team spaces and fan amenities will join the golf training center to transform south campus as LaRue Field has been designated for redevelopment after 2035.

"Our campus has always been defined by progress," said Chancellor Gary S. May. "Aggie Ascent captures that forward momentum by combining thoughtful design, sustainable growth and a commitment to student success. It reflects the same excellence that defines UC Davis across academics, research and innovation."

Head football coach Tim Plough emphasized the importance of facilities in shaping a competitive and holistic student-athlete experience.

"Aggie Ascent is a statement about where this program is headed," said Plough. "We talk all the time about controlling what we can control, preparation, attitude, effort; and this plan is the facilities version of that mindset. It's a commitment to giving our student-athletes every resource they need to be at their best and to providing our fans with a game-day experience that matches the pride they bring to our sporting events."

Said Clarence Mamuyac, chairman of ELS Architecture and Urban Design, "From the outset, our team worked collaboratively with a shared vision: to bring UC Davis Athletics together by organizing its teams, sports and venues across 5,300 acres into two distinct Aggie Districts, East and West. This approach creates a more connected and integrated athletics experience for the entire UC Davis campus community. Aggie Ascent is about uniting athletics and campus life through design that honors place, celebrates sustainability and fosters pride, while positioning UC Davis for success for generations to come."

Aggie Ascent will move forward as private support and strategic partnerships are secured. Each project represents an opportunity for leadership donors to make a lasting impact, from naming opportunities at UC Davis Health Stadium to foundational investments in the Golf Center and South Campus Gateway.

"As we climb together, Aggie Ascent is both a plan and a promise," DeLuca said. "A promise that UC Davis Athletics will continue to rise with facilities that inspire, programs that compete and a community that believes the best is still ahead."

UC Davis, the No. 2 ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal, is home to 40,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 employees. Ranked Number One in agriculture and forestry as well as Number One in veterinary medicine, UC Davis is located in a California college town nestled between world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. More than 650 Aggie student-athletes compete in 25 Division I varsity sports, with 16 sports transitioning to the Mountain West Conference beginning in 2026.

ELS Architecture and Urban Design is a nationally-recognized design firm headquartered in Berkeley, with additional offices in Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Diego. The firm specializes in campus planning and design for campus life, athletics, sports and recreation, as well as performing arts and large assembly spaces. ELS has delivered award-winning projects for leading institutions, including Stanford University, USC, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, along with numerous municipalities across California. Recent honors include an AIA California Design Award for the Canada College project and recognition at Climate Week NYC - 2025 for pioneering all-electric design strategies that advance zero greenhouse gas emissions.

For more information, visit AggieAscent.com. ★

Sacramento State Softball Signs Six Players

2026-27 Recruiting Class

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State softball head coach Lori Perez announced on Nov. 20 that six high school seniors have signed National Letters of Intent and will join the program as freshmen next fall.

The incoming players are left-handed pitcher Jordan Bey, outfielders Choyce Chambers and Taylor Mendoza, catcher Madie Harrison, second baseman/outfielder Deja Montgomery and catcher/utility player Victoria Roman.

Bey, a Houston native, is entering her fourth varsity season at Episcopal High School in Bellaire, Texas. A three-time all-conference selection and finalist for VYPE Private School Player of the Year, Bey posted a 1.52 ERA with 113 strikeouts in 93 1/3 innings as a junior and helped lead Episcopal to three straight Southwest Preparatory Conference state titles.

Bey "will bring an immediate impact to our pitching staff," Perez said, praising Bey's competitiveness and pitch variety.

Chambers arrives from Valley Christian High School in Cerritos, where she has earned three all-Olympic League selections. She hit .425 as a junior with 41 runs, 31



Six high school seniors have signed with Sacramento State softball, bolstering the Hornets' 2025 roster with pitching, power and speed. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

stolen bases and 11 extra-base hits, earning first-team all-CIF and Press Telegram Dream Team honors.

Chambers is a career .396 hitter with 96 runs and 58 stolen bases. Her defense "blew us away," Perez said, noting her ability to track down extra-base hits and impact the game with her speed.

Harrison, a catcher from Central Catholic High School in Modesto, was named

Valley Oak League offensive MVP and second-team all-state as a junior after hitting .461 with eight home runs and 47 RBIs. A three-time all-league selection, Harrison owns career marks of .405 with 94 RBIs in 95 games. Harrison "has the ability to hit the ball out of the park in every at-bat," Perez said, and praised her leadership behind the plate.

Mendoza, from Honolulu, will join the

Hornets after playing at James Campbell High School. A two-time all-state selection, Mendoza hit .553 as a sophomore at Roosevelt High School and served as team captain that season. She batted .300 last year for a Campbell squad that finished third in the state. Perez called Mendoza "strong, athletic and a hard worker," and noted she is the program's first recruit from Hawaii.

Montgomery, a Vallejo native, has starred at American Canyon High School, earning first-team all-Vine Valley Athletic League honors each of her first three seasons. She has hit at least .435 every year and owns a career .469 average with 61 stolen bases, averaging nearly one steal per game. Perez praised her athleticism and versatility, saying that Montgomery "can get to balls most players cannot run down."

Roman, a catcher and utility player from South Hills High School in West Covina, hit .407 as a junior and was an all-league selection as a freshman at Northview High School, where she batted .420. Perez described Roman as "the ultimate competitor" with a strong arm and the defensive versatility to play multiple positions.

All six signees will enroll at Sacramento State ahead of the 2025-26 academic year. ★

Vitiello Earns Third Consecutive Nomination for Goalkeeper of the Year

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - USL (United Soccer League) Championship announced the finalists for the 2025 individual league awards on Nov. 14. On the heels of an All-League Second Team selection, Republic FC's Danny Vitiello has been nominated for Goalkeeper of the Year for the third consecutive year.

Already Sacramento's all-time clean sheets leader heading into the 2025 campaign, Vitiello continued to add to his decorated career and cement himself as one of the top goalkeepers in league history.

For the second consecutive year, Vitiello led the league in clean sheets (12) and was tied for the league lead with just 18 goals conceded. Vitiello's 0.9 goals-against average mark extended a perfect record of never conceding an average of one goal per game in his seven-season career.

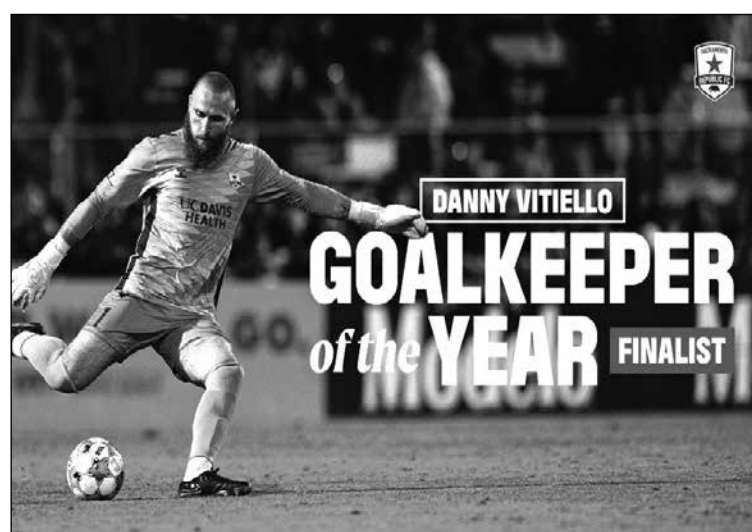
The 2023 Goalkeeper of the Year and two-time Golden Glove winner was Sacramento's ironman, featuring for all 2,700 regular season minutes. Vitiello was the only goalkeeper to reach the milestone and the first Republic FC player to do so since 2017.

Vitiello's performance gained recognition throughout the year.

Vitiello earned two Team of the Week selections and was a two-time Player of the Month finalist, claiming the honor for the first time in his career in July. Vitiello wrapped up the season tied for the USL Championship's all-time record in regular season clean sheets (58).

The United Soccer League will announce the winners of its annual end of season awards leading up to the 2025 USL Championship Final after press time.

Season ticket memberships are now on sale for the 2026 season. For more information or to buy a membership, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★



Danny Vitiello was nominated for the United Soccer League's Goalkeeper of the Year for the third consecutive year. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

Downtown Ice Rink Open for 33rd Season

By Abbey Wicks

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink, presented by Dignity Health, is now open through Jan. 19. Located in Ali Youssefi Square across from DoCo and the Golden 1 Center, the rink attracts some 40,000 skaters each season.

Ali Youssefi Square is at 705 K St., Sacramento.

"The Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink represents what downtown does best: bringing people together to create lasting memories," said Michael Ault, the Downtown Sacramento Partnership executive director. "It's a cherished Sacramento tradition and we're grateful to our community leaders and partners for their support in bringing this tradition to life year after year."

The price to skate remains the same as previous years: \$15 for general admission and \$8 for children aged 6 and under. Skating admission includes skate rental and sizes run as small as youth 8 and as large as men's 15. Skaters can enjoy the rink from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays through Sundays (weather permitting). Skaters can call 916-738-0703 to find out if the rink is open during inclement weather.

Season events catered for youth skaters include annual Princess & Superhero Day, which took place Nov 15, and Crafting with Kindness, from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 and Sunday, Nov. 30. Copper House Boutique will lead both craft days with their



Skaters at last year's Princess & Superhero Day were joined by characters, including Disney princesses Anna and Elsa. This year's event took place Nov. 15. Photo courtesy of Downtown Sacramento Partnership



Skaters at the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink on Nov. 12 exhibited all skill levels, from pro-skaters showing off impressive spins, to children aided by skating walkers. Photo by Abbey Wicks



New LED lights have been installed along K Street in Sacramento to promote evening pedestrian activity and safety. Photo by Abbey Wicks

safety along K Street, including in Ali Youssefi Square, new LED lighting has been installed from DoCO to the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center.

"These lights embody our commitment to reimagine downtown block by block, paying homage to the marquee lights which have lined K Street for generations and enhancing Sacramento's central promenade for its next era of opportunity," Ault said.

Along with supporting increased pedestrian activity throughout the evening hours, the new lighting also supports bicycle and public transportation use and embraces the foundational principle of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) by improving sightlines and increasing activity after dark, according to the partnership.

Better lighting encourages more foot traffic, which in turn promotes safety, supports local businesses and builds community pride.

The dynamic system will be capable of changing colors to mark holidays, community celebrations and Kings, Republic, Athletics and Hornets' victories.

"When we invest in placemaking, we invest in people," said Scott Ford, Downtown Sacramento Partnership deputy director. "Downtown Sacramento is truly a neighborhood that belongs to all residents and guests of our community. We want to ensure we are creating and maintaining an environment which is a positive reflection of Sacramento to the rest of the world." ★

jewelry-making lessons.

Donation Weeks have been implemented this year to help spread holiday cheer. The ice rink has teamed up with Western Health Advantage and First

Step Communities to organize donations for those experiencing homelessness in the Sacramento area.

The ice rink will collect much needed items and accept donations all day

during Donation Weeks, which run from Monday, Nov. 17 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Skaters who bring something to donate will receive \$5 off skate admission. Suggested items

to donate include winter hats, gloves, scarves and blankets.

In an effort by the Downtown Sacramento Partnership to increase pedestrian activity and

KP International MARKET
 10971 Olson Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
 916.853.8000
 Market: 7 Days 8am-9pm
 Food Court: 7 Days 11am-3:00pm
 Korean/Mex/Viet: 7:30pm last call
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KP KARAOKE SPECIAL Sun-Thu Come before 6pm (Valid Time)
 Fri-Sat Come before 5pm (Valid Time)

- For 6 people \$115.00** + Gratuity
 3 Hours Karaoke + 2 Pizzas + Pitcher Soda + 2 Main Dishes (12 items)
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 3 Hours Karaoke + 2 Pizzas + Pitcher Soda + 4 Main Dishes (14 items)
- For 14 people \$230.00** + Gratuity
 3 Hours Karaoke + 2 Pizzas + Pitcher Soda + 4 Main Dishes (14 items)
- For 18 people \$295.00** + Gratuity
 3 Hours Karaoke + 3 Pizzas + Pitcher Soda + 6 Main Dishes (16 items)
- For 28 people \$395.00** + Gratuity
 3 Hours Karaoke + 3 Pizzas + Pitcher Soda + 6 Main Dishes (16 items)

Dishes To Choose From: Beef, Pork, Chicken, Shrimp, etc.

FROZEN & FISH DEPT

<p>Breaded Imitation Crab Claws 680 gr REG. \$7.99/EA \$4.99/ea</p>	<p>Breaded Stretched Shrimp 10 pcs REG. \$6.99/EA \$4.99/ea</p>
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WEEKLY MEAT SPECIALS

<p>Cross Rib/Shoulder Roast Boneless \$4.99/lb</p>	<p>Beef Ribeye Roast - Bnls \$9.49/lb</p>	<p>Chicken Breast Bnls/Sknls \$1.79/lb</p>
<p>Pork Loin Roast Boneless \$2.99/lb</p>	<p>Pork Tenderloin Boneless \$3.49/lb</p>	<p>Pork Baby Back Ribs \$3.99/lb</p>

WEEKLY HALAL SPECIALS

<p>Chicken Breast Bnls/Sknls \$1.89/lb</p>	<p>New Zealand Lamb Stew Meat Bone-In \$5.99/lb</p>	<p>Cross Rib/Shoulder Roast Boneless \$5.29/lb</p>
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FRESH PRODUCE

<p>White Potato 10 lb Bag \$4.99/bag</p>	<p>Avocado 2 lb Bag \$3.29/bag</p>	<p>Italian Squash 99¢/lb</p>	<p>Rainbow Bellpepper 2 lb \$3.49/bag</p>
<p>Sleeved Garlic 5 pcs \$1.79/ea</p>	<p>Assorted Mushroom \$2.79/ea</p>	<p>Peeled Garlic 5 lb Bag \$18.99/bag</p>	<p>Russet Potato 10 lb Bag \$1.99/bag</p>

AMERICAN/HISPANIC GROCERY

<p>Pompeian Rose Balsamic Vinegar 16 fl.oz \$1.99/ea</p>	<p>Dona Maria Mexican Sauce Mole 8.25 oz \$3.99/ea</p>	<p>Botanico Kettle Cooked Chips 5.64 oz \$0.99/ea</p>	<p>UTZ Cheddar Cheese Balls 23 oz \$2.99/ea</p>	<p>Dix Cheese & Butter Crackers 7.14 oz \$0.69/ea</p>
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ASIAN GROCERY

<p>Argentina Corned Beef 25% less Sodium 12 oz \$3.99/ea</p>	<p>Pho Story Instant Pho Soup 2.3, 2.4 oz \$1.49/ea</p>	<p>Parrot Clear Chicken Broth 14 oz \$0.69/ea</p>	<p>Sun Luck Mirin Cooking Rice Wine 10 fl.oz \$4.49/ea</p>	<p>Mi-Del Ginger Snap Cookies 10 oz \$1.69/ea</p>
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EUROPEAN GROCERY

<p>Golchin 100% Avocado Oil (all natural) 750 ml \$11.99/ea</p>	<p>Natakhtari Tarragon & Pear Drink 1 liter \$1.99/ea</p>	<p>Sweetened Cooked Condensed Milk 360 gr \$2.69/ea</p>	<p>Polinka Cream Fudge Candy 1 kg \$7.99/ea</p>	<p>Rot Front Korovka Wafer 300 gr \$2.69/ea</p>
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<p>Ham Off the Bone \$6.49/lb</p>	<p>Pan Roasted Turkey Breast \$11.99/lb</p>	<p>Greek Black Olives \$6.09/lb</p>	<p>Green Cracked Olives \$4.59/lb</p>
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REG. \$7.99/EA
\$4.99/ea
Cleaned Salted Rex Sole 340 g

HOUSEWARE

<p>Electric Rice Cooker (5.5QT) \$54.99</p>	<p>Electric Rice Cooker (5.5QT) \$59.99</p>	<p>Electric BBQ Grill \$39.99</p>
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